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Mr. Wilbur J. Nigh Chief, Reference Branch World War II Records Division Mational Archives and Records Service, GSA King and Union Streets Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Nigh:

The Central Intelligence Agency cannot concur in declassification of the attached 055 document transmitted with your letter of 20 October 1964. The document has been reviewed at the highest levels of immediate concern, and I regret that your request must be denied on the ground that declassification and release at this time would not be in the best interests of the United States Government.

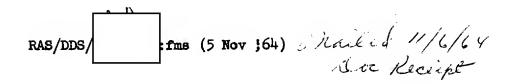
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IN REPLY REFER TO: NMWR

Records Administration Officer Central Intelligence Agency 2430 E. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

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I am enclosing copies of our past correspondence concerning possible declassification of OSS and SSU documents; a copy of a current letter from the Washington correspondent of the London Times, Mr. Herbert; and Art Looting Investigation Unit, OSS document C.I.R. #2, The Goering Collection. In view of the recurring interest in art looting in Europe during the World War II period, I would appreciate a further review of C.I.R. #2 to ascertain if it may now be declassified so that it may be made available for unofficial research.

Other related documents which have been declassified, and made available to the public are:

- C.I.R. #1 Activity of the Einstzstab Rosenberg in France (OSS) classification cancelled 24 June 1947 by Colonel
 Knox P. Pruden (then Army Liaison Officer to C.I.A.)
- C.I.R. #3 Not issued, not available in draft form
- C.I.R. #4 Linz: Hitler's Museum and Library (SSU)

 declassified with the exception of Attachment 22

 by The Adjutant General, Department of the Army

Art Looting Investigation Unit Final Report (SSU)

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Colonel Knox P. Pruden

Sincerely yours,

Wilbur J Nigh

Chief, Reference Branch

World War II Records Division

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September 23, 1964

Chief of Reference Branch World War II Records Division National Archives and Records Services King and Union Streets Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Jir:

I would like to apply for access to all the consolidated interrogation reports dealing with art looting in Europe during the Second World War. I understand that two of these reports have been declassified. This application is for access to the others.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

- W. J. L. L.

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31 October 1963

Mr. Sherrod East Director, World War II Records Division National Archives and Records Service, GSA-King and Union Streets Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. East:

The Central Intelligence Agency cannot concur in declassification of the enclosed OSS and SSU documents transmitted with your memorandum of 9 July1963. The documents have been reviewed at the highest levels of immediate concern, and I regret that your request must be denied on the ground that, along with other valid reasons, declassification and release at this time would not be in the best interests of the United States Government.

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Records Administration Officer Central Intelligence Agency 2430 E. Street N.W. Washington 25, D.C.

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The National Archives has received requests for the Interrogation Reports of the Art Looting Investigation Unit, OSS, and the Strategic Services Unit, Office of the Assistant Secretary of War. Some of these reports were forwarded by the Department of State to your office in 1959, with a request for declessification. At that time CIA concensus was not favorable toward declassification and release. In view of the current interest in the subject of art looting and the lapse of time from the last review, we request reconsideration of the previous action on the reports transmitted with this letter.

The latest regrading action of the Department of the Army on Consolidated Report No. 4, Linz is reflected on that document and in The Adjutant General's letter of May 2, 1963, copy enclosed. It appears that the Army will take review and regrading action only on Strategic Services Unit documents produced after October 1, 1945.

Sincerely yours.

Sherrod East

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Director, World War II Records Division

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